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Poland's support for Turkish accession to the EU remains unchanged in the aftermath of the AKP court case. Emboff delivered reftel demarche to Piotr Siebeneichen, MFA Counselor in the European Department. Siebeneichen said that Poland's position was in agreement with the U.S. He noted that Poland participates with the Scandinavian countries, the UK and Estonia in a pro-accession working group that meets regularly in Talinn and London. He concluded that despite the close of the AKP case, the larger issues are still in play and that continued islamization of Turkey will push countries such as Spain and France to try to further slow or suspend the accession process.